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INDUCTION OF SUKHOI - 30
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has inducted Sukhoi-30 multi-purpose fighter aircraft into the Indian Air Force;

(b) if so, whether there has been any delay in the procurement of these aircraft;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the work relating to upgradation of these aircraft has been completed; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The delay in procurement of the aircraft is mainly due to the fact that the Su-30 MKI project is one of the most complex projects, where the Russian, Western and the Indian systems are being integrated.

(d) & (e): The upgrade programme was envisaged after the delivery of Su-30 MKI Phase 3 aircraft. These aircraft have been delivered in December, 2004. The upgrade of Sukhoi-30 aircraft of the earlier phases is planned from the year 2006 onwards.